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Wilson Advised He Has Authority To Arm Ships

FORTY-SEVEN VESSELS IN DAVY JONES' LOCKER

Submarine Toll Has Been Extremely Heavy and Forty-Seven Ships Have Gone Down in Past Few Days—Churchill Blamed for Dardanelles Fiasco and Consequent Losses—Russians Pursue the Turks.

Berlin, March 8.—The admiralty announces that twenty-one steamships, ten sailing vessels and sixteen fishing craft, with an aggregate tonnage of 91,000, have been sunk recently by German submarines.

Churchill Was Blamed.

London, March 8.—The Dardanelles expedition, so far as Great Britain was concerned, was taken on the initiative of Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, according to the majority report of the commission appointed to inquire into the responsibility for the expedition.

Russians Pursue Turks.

Petrograd, March 8.—The Russians, after capturing the summit of Asandus, pursued the Turks southward and Monday occupied the town of Kangaver. It is officially announced.

CHINA EXPECTED TO JOIN ENTENTE

Immediate Breaking Off With Germany Predicted—May Settle the Cabinet Row.

(By Associated Press.) Peking, March 8.—The immediate breaking off of relations with Germany is expected here, and it is generally predicted that China will join the entente.

This belief is due to dispatches from Tientsin which say that Tuan Chi Jui will return to the capital immediately and resume the premiership. It is said that President Li Yuan Hung has agreed to give the cabinet full power to frame the foreign policy.

The cabinet is known to favor the severance of relations with Germany and parliament is showing a disposition to follow the leadership of Tuan Chi Jui rather than that of the president.

A dispatch from Peking March 4th said the cabinet had decided to join the United States in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, but that the president refused to approve such action. Thereupon the premier resigned and left for Tientsin, accompanied by several members of the cabinet.

FIRE DESTROYS COUNTY POORHOUSE

Of Fifty-Seven Inmates Four Are Dead and Several Missing as Result of Catastrophe.

(By Associated Press.) Boone, Iowa, March 8.—Four persons are known to be dead and several are missing following a fire this morning which destroyed the Boone county poorhouse. There were 57 inmates in the institution.

EDITORS MAY TAKE A SEA VOYAGE

Excursion to Key West or Havana May Be Feature of Coming Meeting at Galveston.

(By Associated Press.) Galveston, Texas, March 8.—A trip by boat, either to Key West, Fla., or Havana, Cuba, may be the treat accorded to visiting members of the Texas Press Association and their wives when they come here for the annual meeting June 14th, 15th and 16th.

Plans for the entertainment of the visiting editors already are under consideration by the Galveston Commercial Association. It is not known whether it will be possible to arrange the boat trip, but the proposal will receive earnest attention.

It is felt the voyage would form a fitting climax to the sessions at the Hotel Galvez, where the delegates will be in sight of the gulf during all sessions and where their appetites for a trip on the blue would be whetted hourly.

At least one of the entertainment features will be a dance.

Because of the shorter trip it is believed there will be a much larger attendance of editors this year than there was last year at El Paso. At that time two hundred editors were on hand, accompanied by their wives. Galveston entertained the association in 1885 and 1897.

GERMANY REVIVES PEACE PROPOSALS

Is Considering the Matter of Publishing Them—Belgium Would Be Independent.

(By Associated Press.) Havre, France, March 8.—The German government, according to information received here through confidential agents, is considering the publication of Germany's terms of peace.

Under these terms Belgium would be declared independent, subject to permanent German garrisons at Antwerp, Liege and Namur, and to the control by Germany of ports and railways.

Belgium under the terms would have no national army, but would be policed by gendarmerie.

MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE.

Justice of the Peace W. W. Galner united in marriage at the court house today John Rhores and Imer Williams, colored. When told to salute the bride the groom said he would defer the matter until they reached home, as he did not believe in doing that thing before the public.

BUILDING CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED

Two New Buildings at A. and M. College and One at Prairie View to Be Erected.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, March 8.—March 15th contracts are to be awarded for the construction of new buildings at A. and M. College and at Prairie View Normal aggregating \$225,000, according to announcement by W. R. Hendrickson, state inspector of masonry. These buildings will consist of a \$100,000 veterinary science building and \$80,000 power plant for A. and M. College; a domestic science building at Prairie View Normal costing \$50,000, and a laundry plant at that institution costing \$15,000.

There are at present in course of construction state buildings aggregating an expenditure of \$1,165,000. These include the new \$300,000 general land office, \$300,000 State Blind Institute, \$250,000 educational building at the State University, \$100,000 auditorium at A. and M. College, and a \$50,000 building at the colony for the feeble minded.

MEXICAN CONSUL ISSUES PASSPORTS

Germans in New York Given Passports to Mexican Ports at Rate of a Hundred a Day.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 8.—The Mexican consular general here is issuing passports to Germans at the rate of more than a hundred daily. Most of those emigrating to Mexico are said to go by rail through San Antonio, although many are going through El Paso. Eagle Pass and border points west of Laredo.

GUARDING GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

As an Extra Precaution, Admittance by Pass Only Has Been Ordered at Pittsburgh, Pa.

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., March 8.—The buildings of the United States bureau of mines and the government arsenal here are under guard. Today admittance could be gained only by pass.

WILL VOTE ON FREE TEXT BOOKS

Constitutional Amendment to This End Will Likely Be Submitted to the People.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, March 8.—A movement toward free text books for the 1,223,000 school children of Texas was started when the lower house of the legislature adopted a joint resolution submitting the proposition to the people in the form of a constitutional amendment. The resolution is expected to be acted on during the present week in the senate.

The resolution provides for an increase in the state school tax from a maximum of 20 cents to 35 cents on the \$100 property valuation and this 15 cents increase is to be utilized in the purchase of free text books. In the event this increase is not sufficient the state board of education is empowered to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to meet the deficit.

The amendment is to be voted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1918.

CUBAN INSURGENT LEADER CAPTURED

Ex-President Gomez, Colonel Quiros and Other Rebel Leaders Were Captured in Battle.

(By Associated Press.) Havana, March 8.—Secretary of the Interior Via arrived here this morning, bringing ex-President Gomez, Col. Quiros and several other insurgent leaders captured in a battle yesterday near Placetas. Gomez was placed in the Presidio and the others were taken to the Cabanas fortress.

INVESTIGATION OF GOVERNOR IS ON

Taking of Testimony Began Today With Examination of Expense Vouchers.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, March 8.—When the impeachment investigation of Governor Ferguson started today the expense vouchers of the administration were taken up.

CONSIDERING MATTER MAY ACT THIS WEEK

The President Is Considering the Question of Arming Merchant Ships and Some Think He May Act This Week While Others Think He Will Wait for a Revision of the Rules—Has Been Advised He Has the Power.

SENATE TO TRY A NEW ROUTE

Sense of the Body Is That President Has a Right to Protect Commerce of United States.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 8.—Senator Lewis will introduce resolutions declaring it to be the sense of the senate that the President, "by virtue of the power of his office," has the right to protect commerce to foreign nations equally with commerce between the states.

VILLISTAS DRAWING NEAR TO JUAREZ

Battle Between Villa and de Fco. Forces Expected Fifty Miles From Juarez.

(By Associated Press.) Juarez, March 8.—Mexican de facto troops and rebels are reported to be approaching each other this morning in the vicinity of San Martin ranch, 50 miles southeast of Juarez and a battle is believed to be imminent. The de facto commander is said to have 500 troops and the Villistas 400.

CLOTURE RULE WAS AGREED TO

After Agreement the Measure Was Taken Up in the Senate by Unanimous Consent.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 8.—The cloture amendment to the senate rules, approved by the Democratic and Republican caucuses, was taken up by the senate today under unanimous consent.

GOV. WHITMAN'S RULING FINAL

Would Not Reverse His Decision After a Personal Plea by Lee Darcy, Austrian Exile.

(By Associated Press.) Albany, N. Y., March 8.—A personal plea by Lee Darcy, the Australian boxer, that Governor Whitman reconsider his decision not to permit Darcy to appear in the ring in New York because he owed military duty to his own country, was refused today.

Washington, March 8.—Indications accumulated today that President Wilson is likely to act at any time on the submarine question. Although in bed, he is said to be considering the subject. Some senators believe he will act this week, others think he will wait for the senate to revise the rules. President Wilson has been advised that he has authority to arm ships without action by Congress. Some officials are disposed to advise President Wilson to call an extra session at once and clear the slate, since an extra session will be necessary before July anyway.

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson, who is suffering from a cold taken a week ago, and made worse during the inauguration, is in bed under orders from his physician. He made no engagements today. Although President Wilson is not seriously ill, he has a fever and Dr. Grayson says he must remain in bed several days.

FOR COLLECTING INHERITANCE TAX

Special Collectors May Be Employed. One Million Dollars Due the State of Texas.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, March 8.—An estimate made by Comptroller Terrell says there is approximately 1 million dollars in inheritance taxes due the state of Texas. He says little effort is being made by the regular tax collectors to collect the tax.

With a view of collecting inheritance taxes, a bill by Representative Boser, authorizing the comptroller to contract with private tax collectors for the collection of the tax, already has passed the house. It provides a commission of 15 per cent on all such taxes collected.

The inheritance tax law was passed several years ago, but the amount of taxes collected thereunder has been comparatively small.

SERIOUS FIRE ON PASSENGER TRAIN

Two Persons Seriously Injured Following Mysterious Explosion on Santa Fe in Oklahoma.

(By Associated Press.) Gainesville, Tex., March 8.—One person probably fatally burned, another badly injured and two cars on a south bound Santa Fe train, with contents, including the mail, destroyed by fire this morning near Paul's Valley, Okla., following an explosion of an unknown cause in one baggage car. A corpse in one baggage car was saved. P. C. Jeffries of Gainesville was rescued unharmed from burns.

B.B.B.B.A.B.B.

The above letters represent an alliterative slogan applicable to the town and county in which you live. To the first girl or boy under 16 years of age who secures the correct answer, The Eagle will give the following prizes: To the girl a big box of candy; to the boy, a handsome pocketknife. Answers must be plainly written, full name and address signed, and may be mailed or brought to The Eagle office. Address all answers to the Contest Editor before 6 p. m. Friday, March 9th.

**GET BUSY, BOYS AND GIRLS AND SHOW
HOW CLEVER YOU ARE.**